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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
04COLOMBO1857	2004-11-17 06:04	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Colombo

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SUBJECT: SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO INDIA YIELDS SOFT LOANS, STRONGER LANGUAGE ON PEACE PROCESS

Classified By: AMB. JEFFREY J. LUNSTEAD. REASON: 1.4 (B,D).

----- SUMMARY -----

1. (C) President Chandrika Kumaratunga's November 3-7 working visit to India yielded USD 250 million in concessional loans; the announcement

PEACE, PROSPERITY ON BILATERAL AGENDA

2. (U) President Chandrika Kumaratunga's November 3-7 trip to India included a two-day working visit during which she met with Prime Minister

3. (SBU) Among the most tangible outcomes of Kumaratunga's visit, according to officials at the Sri Lankan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and t

4. (C) Besides the soft loans, the GSL was pleased with the strong support of the peace process the Indian Government signaled in the Joint

5. (C) In her conversations with Indian officials, President Kumaratunga came across as extremely optimistic and confident regarding the pe

TROUBLED WATERS

6. (SBU) Disputes over fishing rights also figured on the bilateral agenda. Wijewardene said that while Indian fishermen have long poached

DEFENSE COOPERATION; PALALY AIRFIELD

7. (C) The two governments also agreed to sign a Defense Cooperation Agreement and an MOU on Indian assistance to rebuild Palaly Airfield ir

8. (C) In separate conversations, both Indian DCM Kumar and Indian First Secretary Gill told us that the proposed agreement on rehabilitatir

COMMENT

9. (C) The Indians' strong language on the peace process and soft money for development and fuel are obviously welcome demonstrations of supp

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